(d) To ensure timely availability of fertilisers, periodical review meeting are held and remedial measures taken.

Statement

Statement Showing Statewise Supply of Urea (ECA Allocation/Availability/Sales) During Rabi 1996-97

(In 000 Mts.)

S.No.	State Name	Estimated Total E.C.A. for Rabi 96-97 (11+12)	Estimated Available as on 31.01.97	Estimated Sales upto 31.01.97
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1119.69	890.32	690 78
2.	Karnataka	397.43	288.62	191.57
3.	Tamil Nadu	543.95	438.79	343.79
4.	Gujarat	500.74	389.26	358.97
5.	Madhya Pradesh	716.21	541.79	500.73
6.	Maharashtra	638.77	420.05	330.15
7.	Rajasthan	715.00	516.25	469.14
8.	Haryana	737.00	552.84	496.98
9.	Punjab	1046.14	776.77	703.77
10.	Uttar Pradesh	2768.51	1922.80	1729.72
11.	Bihar	756.63	540.01	465.13
12.	Orissa	194.20	129.28	39.48
13.	West Bengal	661.36	428.48	335.63
14.	Assam+NE State	99.67	47.78	34.95
15.	Others	180.08	116.62	93.77
	Total	11075.38	7999.66	6784.56

Assistance to Farmers of Bihar

2573. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total concessions and assistance provided to the State Government of Bihar under the various centrally sponsored schemes for the development of agriculture during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase the quantum of such concessions and assistance; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c) Funds are released to States for various Central/ Centrally Sponsored Schemes based on the proposals received, total allocation in the budget of the Department and the amount remaining unutilised in a particular state out of earlier releases made.

An assistance of Rs. 17.4 crore, Rs. 7.7 crore and Rs. 15.4 crores was provided to the Government of Bihar under various Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the development of agriculture during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 respectively.

Preservation of Trees

2574. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the tree plantation scheme is still continuing without any tree preservation scheme resulting in loss of plants/trees; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the preservation of trees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) Afforestation/tree plantation activities are carried out in the country through the schemes of various Central Ministries/Departments such as Ministry of Environment and Forests, Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment, Department of Wastelands Development, Ministry of Agriculture and of State/UT Governments. Afforestation schemes provide for the necessary maintenance of plantations. Other protective measures are also undertaken by the State/UT Governments.

Environmental Projects

2575. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of centrally aided environmental projects launched in Uttar Pradesh for the improvement of environment during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the extent of achievement made in this regard; and

(c) the details of projects to be launched in the near future in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) Details of centrally aided environmental projects launched during the last three years in Uttar Pradesh for the improvement of environment alongwith achievements made, both financial and physical, are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) All the ongoing projects are likely to be continued in the near future in the State.

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(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	Broad Objectives	Extent of funding	Status	Achievements during the last three years 93-94, 94-95 and 95-96			
					financial			Physical
					93-94	94-95	95-96	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Ganga Action Plan Phase-I	abatement of river water pollution	100%	ongoing	2440	865	582	Targets fixed in terms of financial releases
2.	Ganga Action Plan Phase-II	abatement of river water pollution	50%	ongoing	1069	235	638	-do-
3.	Paryavaran Vahini	create environmental awareness through active participation of public	100%	ongoing	2.04	2.86	-	Paryavaran Vahinis constituted in 14 districts
4.	Biosphere Reserves	To set up Biosphere Reserves	100%	ongoing	48.26	20.90	43.15	1 Biosphere Reserve covered
5.	Conservation of Wetlands	to protect and regenerate the Wetlands	100%	ongoing	-	-	3.30	N.A.

N.A. : Not Available

[English]

Prohibition

2576. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are committed to introducing the prohibition all over the country;

(b) if so, concrete steps being taken to amend the Constitution of India; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c) Implementation of Prohibition is the responsibility of the States by virtue of Entry 8 of the List II (State List) in the 7th Schedule of the Constitution of India. Therefore, the role of the Government of India is confined to advocacy and awareness generation.

Sale of Wheat Under Open Sale Scheme

2577. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKKA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to handover the sale of wheat under the Open Sale Scheme to the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the States thereto;

(c) whether the Government under this decision would not be able to account for shortage of wheat by March when the buffer stock of wheat in the Central Pool is feared to be depleted;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the concrete policy prepared by the Government in view of its present shortage and the extent to which the position of wheat has improved; and

(f) the total wheat imported/to be imported and the quantity to be distributed to the States therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFIARS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In December'96, a decision was taken that the entire quantity of wheat allocated for different States under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) be allocated to the respective State Government/UTs. The system of allotment through the three-member committee will, however, continue in these States/UTs which were not willing to undertake the sale of wheat under OMSS (D). The State Governments have taken over the distribution of wheat against the monthly allocation made by FCI under the scheme except in the following States :

Delhi, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Orissa and Tamil Nadu.

(c) and (d) Open Sale Scheme was started with a view to increasing availability in the market and thereby containing sharp rise in prices. In order to augment the availability of wheat in the country, Government of India decided to import upto two million tonnes of wheat. This will also augment the buffer stock level.

(e) In addition to import of wheat, steps are being taken to increase procurement of wheat from March, 1997 at a higher level than 1996-97.